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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Official Action dated June 6, 2001, please amend this application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

*changed*  
D1 --This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/062,551 filed April 20, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/627,011 filed April 3, 1996, which issued as Patent No. 5,741,237 on April 21, 1998.--

[ Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 13 with the following rewritten paragraph:

D2 --Inlet port 440 extends through lid 480 into canister 470 and is fitted with nipple 442. Removable inlet tube 444 has flange 422 adapted to sealingly engage nipple 442 and hold inlet tube 444 thereon. Inlet tube 444 has a straight portion 424

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